

Phe Canadian Messenger

PUBLISHED MONTHLY

In the interests of the League of Prayer in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Vol. VIII.

SRPTEMBER, 1898

No. 9.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope for all Associates.

The Working Classes.



S human beings and as Christians we are all subject to the universal law of labour. As members of soclety we have but one way of making a livelihood, and that is by toil, which alone ensures a return in the products of the earth or of industry. As Christians we are bound to do our duty, in other words, to accomplish the

task imposed upon us by our condition of life.

Religion, with a keener perception than that of any adept in modern sociology of what man's nature is, and what derives therefrom, has always considered work a duty, and represented it as such. She teaches that it is a law of our nature, and that the observance of the law was an obligation divinely imposed on men even in his primitive state of innocence, then when he was in the full enjoyment of all his prerogatives, and when encompassed with every heavenly blessing: